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The National Sohojin Fishing Enterprise Company

1. The National Sohojin Fishing Enterprise Company is at CV-850085, Sohojin, Hungnam City, Hamgyong-namdo. It is divided into the Headquarters Section, the Second Factory and the Third Factory. The Headquarters Section operates two 15-HP motor boats; the Second Factory two fishing boats and about ten sampans; and the Third Factory eight fishing boats. The total production of the company goes to the North Korean Peoples Army (NKPA).
2. Officials in the company include the following:<sup>1</sup>
  - a. CHOE Tong-yun [ ] manager of the company.
  - b. KANG Hyok-ku [ ] deputy manager.
  - c. PAK Sung-chin [ ] chief of the fishing section.
  - d. KIM Pyong-sil [ ] chief of materials.
  - e. PAK Mang-tae, [ ] manager of the Third Factory.
  - f. KIM Hwa-muk, [ ] chairman of the Occupational Alliance.

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- g. CHI Kwan-chun (3069/1401/0193) [ ] chairman of the Cell Committee. 25X1
- h. O Kum-sun [ ] chairman of the Women's Alliance. 25X1
- i. HAN Chong-suk (7281/6297/3219) [ ] chairman of the Democratic Youth Alliance 25X1

Ch'ongjin Fishermen's Cooperative

3. The Ch'ongjin Fishermen's Cooperative is the new name for the fishing corporation which was the collective body of the civilian fishermen. Approximately 80 persons participate in the cooperative. The chief is KIM Song-yong (6855/5110/7893) [ ] The vice chief is CH'OE Man-ch'un (1508/5502/2504) [ ] The Operation's director is KANG Yun-ku (1203/0336/0046) [ ] There is also a chief of the material and fiscal section. 25X1
4. The cooperative occupies four wooden buildings in Myong Song-ni, Ch'ongjin City (N 41-47, E 129-49) (EB-6826). One building at EB-704249 is the office; another is used to store fish and fishing equipment, another to store food, and the fourth to house the staff members. These buildings, previously damaged by UN air attacks, have been repaired. All other nearby buildings have been destroyed by UN air attacks.
5. The chief of the cooperative and nine staff members work in the office building from 0800 hours to 1800 hours; during the night two men are on duty in the buildings. In the fishing equipment storage building there are several cans of heavy oil, wire rope, hemp rope, and some old fishing nets. In addition there are approximately 20,000 dried pollack and about 30 tubes of salted pollack eggs. These supplies are the ordinary reserve required by the government. Fifteen thousand tons of coarse salt is always on hand for the work conducted by the cooperative.
6. The ten fishing boats belonging to the cooperative are tied up at EB-705249 at Myong Song-ni. These boats depart for fishing at 0300 hours and return at 0600 hours. During the day they are tied up along the coast, going out again from 1800 hours to 2100 hours. The boats do their fishing with seven permanent nets (nets that are always dropped at the same place) in an area from 500 to 1,000 meters off shore. The principal fishing products are pollack and herring. Other products include cod, flat fish, crabs, and iminsu. Approximately 10,000 pollack and herring were taken daily in February 1953.
7. The total capital of the Fishermen's Cooperative is approximately 15,000,000 NK won, including the house, the fishing boats, and the fishing equipment. The Consumption Guild, NKPA units, and other government organs receive about 70 percent of the fish products. The remaining 30 percent is exchanged with civilian organizations or individuals for barter items or for cash. When the products are sold to the government organs one pollack is valued at 8 won and one herring is valued at 20 won. When the products are sold on the civilian market one pollack is valued at 11 won and one herring is valued at 30 won.
8. The staff members of the cooperative are paid with food, the amount of which is determined according to the labor law; some members receive a salary from the cooperative. The remaining profits are divided among the stock holders every quarter according to their investment.

Fish Quota in the 1953 National Plan of the Korean Central Party

9. The quota for fish in the 1953 National Plan was set by the Korean Central Party at 120,000 tons.
10. Seventy-three wooden boats were assembled in Kalma (N 40-51, E 129-43) (EA-600220) and seven NKPA officials were sent there to help carry out the Party's order.
1. [ ] Comment. The chiefs of the construction, finance, projects, labor and manufacture sections are unknown. 25X1

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